involved in militancy; and the number of them booked for other crimes and offences; and

(c) whether any foreign women and children have also been lodged?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) According to available information, there were 1806 foreigners in Indian jails as on June 30, 1996.

(b) and (c) Information relating to various crimes under which prisoners are lodged in jail is not centrally maintained. Under the existing laws, children are not lodged in jail.

Highway Ambulance Projects

*253. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Highway Ambulance Project has been introduced in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when such ambulance services are proposed to be introduced throughout the country especially on all National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Highway Users Centres (I) Ltd., a private organisation sponsored by M/s Suman Motels have donated some ambulances on certain sections of National Highways to provide help to commuters. It is a voluntary effort on the part of the organisation.

(c) The Government have introduced a National Highway Patrolling Scheme from 1993-94 under which selected State Governments depending upon the extent of National Highways and intensity of road accidents, are provided financial assistance for purchase of crane and ambulance for removal of damaged vehicles and providing immediate medical assistance to the road accident victims.

Census of Minor Irrigation Works

*254. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Second Census of Minor Irrigation Works has been completed;

(b) whether the reports from all the States have been compiled;

(c) whether the financial census document is ready;

(d) if not, by when the final document will be ready; and

(e) the findings of the census up till now?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) Reports from 5 States and 2 Union Territories have been compiled so far.

(d) It is expected to be completed by June, 1997.

(e) The main findings based on the census carried out in five States and two Union Territories are:

(i) Twelve percent of the Minor Irrigation Schemes are permanently not in use.

(ii) Sixty per cent of the Minor irrigation potential created has been utilised during 1993-94.

(iii) Six per cent of the total area irrigated by minor irrigation works was covered as supplementary source of irrigation.